

death. Rev. Father Holbrook, at the Cathedral, in a sermon on 'Death,' referred to the death of the King as an occasion when human words and the faculty of speech were inadequate to give a faithful expression to their thoughts and feelings. The Church forbids a public memorial or prayer for one who died out of visible communion with her. This does not prohibit us expressing our feelings of sympathy, which find an echo in every corner of the civilised world. King Edward is dead; the sceptre has fallen from his hands, the throne has lost its august occupant; the Royal Family mourns the loss of a father, and the virtuous Queen Alexandra is now a widowed mother. We honor him for not since Edward, the Sainted Confessor, no greater King than Edward VII. graced the throne of England. As peacemaker and philanthropist we honor him. He was the patron of manly sports, and showed deepest respect for religion. He would not tolerate in public amusements anything bordering on the immoral. His sympathies were with the smaller nations, and in him the Irish people have lost a true friend, as was shown while he was Prince of Wales and King. Fourteen days before death he was at Lourdes, and visited the Holy Grotto and Rosary Chapel, and during the procession stood reverently with uncovered head. May be this visit was productive of grace and the blessing of our Lady of Lourdes. After Benediction the Dead March in 'Saul' was played on the organ by Mr. Harry Hiscocks, the whole congregation standing meanwhile.

Oamaru.

At the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday at St. Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru, the Rev. Father Woods made sympathetic reference to the death of King Edward VII. He spoke of the peaceful spirit which animated the late King in his diplomatic actions and the liberal and impartial manner of his Majesty in his personal relations with his subjects of every creed and nation, and concluded by expressing a hope that the future King would follow in the footsteps of his late father and uphold in a worthy manner the dignity of the high office to which he had been called. At the evening service the Dead March in 'Saul' was played by the organist (Miss May O'Grady).

Palmerston North.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Rev. Father Costello feelingly alluded to the death of the King at the Masses and evening devotions on Sunday. The Dead March in 'Saul' was played at the close of each service by Miss Ward.

THE HOLY FATHER'S SYMPATHY.

ROME, May 8.

His Holiness the Pope and Cardinal Merry del Val have condoled with King George.

SYDNEY, May 8.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran expressed keen sorrow. The King's death, he said, would be regretted for at least three reasons—First, because Edward was the best King since the Reformation; secondly, he was undoubtedly the best Saxon King Ireland had ever seen; and, thirdly, his death was of serious import, because of the gravely disturbed state of public opinion in England, and because of the imminence of Home Rule for Ireland.

LONDON, May 8.

Rev. Father Vaughan said that the King was the personal friend of the 'man in the street,' and the best known, the best loved, and the best trusted man in the country. He had been a genuine friend to the Catholics, and he could settle international troubles over the breakfast table.

IRELAND IN MOURNING.

The *Times'* Dublin correspondent says that Ireland is in mourning. The unexpected news has established an almost unprecedented bond of sympathy. All parties and creeds among the Nationalists of Ireland respected Queen Victoria, and the Unionists of Ireland loved her. But Unionist and Nationalist alike loved King Edward for his qualities as a King and a man. There was no thought of politics in Ireland in the people's regard for King Edward, and there is none in the chorus of sympathy and sorrow wherein today, from Lord Aberdeen and the Nationalist Lord Mayor of Dublin to the humblest peasant of Connemara, the whole people are united.

THE NEW KING PROCLAIMED.

The proclamation of King George as King was made in London and other cities on Monday morning. The proclamation was made throughout New Zealand at noon on Tuesday.

The funeral of the late King will take place on May 20.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

May 8.

The May devotions have been largely attended during the week, and numbers approached the Holy Table.

The Men's Sodality of the Sacred Heart Society made an unusually large muster at the half-past 7 o'clock Mass this morning. After Mass several new members were received into the society.

There was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament this evening after Vespers.

It is a matter of congratulation that the H.A.C.B. Society won the first round of the Friendly Societies' card tournament on Thursday last.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 10.

The carnival in aid of the building fund of the new Catholic church was continued during the week, and was most successful. By Saturday night the total proceeds amounted to close on £1300. There were large attendances throughout, and sometimes the new Olympia Hall, capacious though it is, failed to comfortably accommodate the large crowds of visitors that gathered from both town and country. Those responsible for the completeness of the arrangements worked with admirable energy, and to them no little credit is due for carrying the bazaar to such a prosperous issue. Every evening an attractive programme of dances, singing, and bright music was presented, and the participants acquitted themselves wonderfully well, showing the advantages of being prepared by such a capable instructor as Mr. Wauchop. The tug-of-war contests were a great attraction to the young men. On Monday evening the bazaar was again crowded, and good business was done. The tug-of-war, Maoris and Whites, caused a good deal of interest, and resulted in a victory for the Maoris after a long tussle. At the close of the programme on Saturday evening the leaders of the different groups of performers made a presentation of a valuable pocket-book to Mr. Wauchop as a mark of their appreciation of the interest he had taken in them. Indeed, Mr. Wauchop acquitted himself excellently, and visitors to the carnival could hardly realise that the well-thought-out, varied, and captivating programme had been got up in the short space of six weeks. The bazaar will be brought to a close to-night, and though the weather is unfavorable a good house is expected, as all the art unions have to be drawn.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

The following are the results of the theory examination held under the auspices of the Associated Board in November last:—Local centre examinations (full marks 150, honors 130, pass 100).—Counterpoint—Margaret Ardagh (Dominican Convent), 117. Harmony, intermediate grade—Dorothy Delahunt (St. Joseph's, Waimate), 115. School examinations (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100).—Higher division, harmony—Mary Dore (Dominican Convent), 114. Lower division, harmony—Jane Pringle (Dominican Convent), 128; Annie J. Lynch (Dominican Convent), 116. Five candidates entered, and all passed.

The annual general meeting of St. Patrick's Club will be held at the rooms on the 15th inst., at 8 p.m. A full attendance is expected at the close of a highly successful year.

Gisborne

I am pleased to report that the Rev. Father Lane is making a speedy recovery from his accident.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Club in St. Mary's Social Hall, Mr. R. F. Houlihan occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Mr. Houlihan congratulated members on the success achieved during the past year. He said: 'Starting as the club had done with a small membership, it quickly impressed the young men of Gisborne with its many benefits, and its ultimate necessity, and as a result they had at the present time a flourishing club.' He exhorted members to induce all, without exception, to join the club. He hoped to see the club develop into a large and influential institution, which must come to pass if members would only put their shoulders to the wheel and work. If they did so he had no fear of the club's prosperity. The election of office-bearers for the year resulted: Patron, Rev. Father Lane; president, Mr. R. F. Houlihan; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. J. Parker, D. J. Barry, John Maynard, J. H. Martin, J. C. Parker, E. Williams, D. J. Parker, J. W. J. Preston, and W. D. Lysnar; committee, Messrs. H. Alley, J. Quinn, F. Haughe, R. H. Clark, O. Alley; hon. secretary, Mr. P. R. McConville; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. R. S. Wheeler; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Smith. On the motion of Mr. H. Alley, seconded by Mr. A. J. Smith, the secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. Father Lane, expressing the extreme regret of the members at his recent accident, and their wishes for his speedy recovery to health. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies of the parish who assisted at the club's social functions, to the Messrs. Vita Bros. for supplying music on the same occasions, also to the outgoing office-bearers. Arrangements were made for taking over rooms and for the furnishing of them. The com-